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In re Application of  
Tandon et al.  
Application No. 09/867,323  
Filed: May 29, 2001  
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: DECISION GRANTING  
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This is a decision on the petition filed November 1, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of May 29, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of May 28, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on May 29, 2001. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EL730900925US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is May 29, 2001. Additionally, the Express Mail label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of May 29, 2001. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to **May 29, 2001**.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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